

P-421/EM-93-1320 ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition by US WEST
Communications, Inc. for Approval of the
Provision of CLASS Services

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Under Minn. Stat. § 237.75, each telephone company serving Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties must obtain the capability to offer CLASS services to its customers in those counties by January 1, 1995, unless the Commission approves an extension to the date certain.

On November 18, 1994, US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST or the Company) filed a letter requesting an extension to the date certain for service to three central offices:

Soderville and Shakopee. The Company explained that the provision of CLASS services to these central offices has been delayed because the offices are being upgraded to a new generation of digital switch. The Soderville and Shakopee central offices are scheduled to install the software and hardware necessary for the provision of CLASS services by September 30, 1995. US WEST asked for an extension of the date certain until that date.

Northfield. Although the Northfield central office is located out of the seven-county metropolitan area covered in Minn. Stat. § 237.75, some Dakota County US WEST customers are served out of the Northfield office. The Northfield central office is scheduled to obtain the hardware and software necessary for the provision of CLASS services by April 30, 1995. US WEST asked for an extension of the date certain until that date.

The matter came before the Commission for consideration on December 6, 1994.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that US WEST's requests for extensions to the date certain for provision of CLASS services are reasonable and should be granted. The Company will be providing CLASS services in the three central offices as soon as the offices obtain the necessary hardware and software. The Company has not asked for an undue extension of the deadline, and no customer should suffer hardship if the extension request is granted.

The Commission will grant US WEST its requests for time extensions for the provision of CLASS services in the Soderville, Shakopee, and Northfield central offices.

ORDER

1. The Commission grants US WEST its requests for time extensions for the provision of CLASS services. Soderville and Shakopee must obtain the capability to provide CLASS services on or before September 30, 1995. Northfield must obtain the capability to provide CLASS services on or before April 30, 1995.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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